



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2022
9:00 AM



New Song

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Timothy Boggess

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - THOUGHTFUL GIVING

Dave Householder

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Shelley and Charles Watson, Oliver and Lochlan

As we light our third Advent candle,
we pray for hope, peace, and joy.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Joy.

SONG OF WORSHIP

Angels from the Realms of Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**Abundant God,
it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom
and the hungry being filled with good things.
However, it is not so easy to rejoice at the powerful being brought down
and the rich being sent away empty.**

**Because sometimes we are the powerful. Sometimes we are the rich.
Sometimes we are the ones with privilege.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we fear that your bringing good news to others
means bringing bad news to us. Help us to see that our holiness is tied to others' wholeness.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF WORSHIP

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-6

MESSAGE

Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Timothy Boggess

SONG OF RESPONSE

All the Poor and Powerless

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Steven Phillips

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ELDERS (class of 2025)

Beth Byron-Reasoner
David Householder
Marvin Miller
Carrie Mills
Sue Nurczyk

DEACONS (class of 2025)

Susan Beach Carter
Beth Knopik (class of 2024, filling unexpired term)
Pamela Mathes
Marcia Schaper
Denver Stutler

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God, the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Scott McLeod

Do we, as members of the church, accept these officers, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

DECLARATION AND CHARGE

SENDING SONG

Joy to the World

BENEDICTION

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